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For: SOMATIC TRANSGENE)
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METHODS)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2000, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Sub C' 3. (Amended) A method for stimulating an immune response, comprising administering to a lymphoid tissue a nucleic acid molecule comprising an expression element operationally linked to a nucleic acid sequence encoding one or more heterologous epitopes, wherein said expression element comprises a B cell expression element.